

## Economically Distressed Areas Program Notice of Funding Availability

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is pleased to announce the availability of \$50,000,000 for the Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP) for state fiscal biennium 2014 - 2015. Applications for financial assistance through the EDAP program are currently being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the Board has committed the full \$50,000,000 for the biennium.

The EDAP program provides financial assistance for water and wastewater services to economically distressed areas where services do not exist or systems do not meet minimum state standards. Interested applicants are required to meet special eligibility criteria including median household income less than 75% of the state average, adoption and enforcement of Model Subdivision Rules, and possess a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (if required by <a href="Chapter 13">Chapter 13</a> of the Texas Water Code). Applicants are encouraged to contact us to determine eligibility and request a health and safety nuisance survey.

Entities interested in applying for EDAP funding are encouraged to review our <u>EDAP webpage</u> and general program <u>information</u> to determine eligibility prior to submitting a request for financial assistance. For questions regarding the EDAP program, special requirements, or to schedule a pre-application meeting, please contact <u>Mireya Loewe</u> at (512) 475-0590.